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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1– 12.

Major **Part B for** Nov. 1879

SUBJECT.

Arrangements made in connection wi
the retail sale of toddy.

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1879.

From The Commissioner
Nagar Division

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
Revenue ~~General~~ Department.

Dated 25th
Despatched 26th } November
Received

ENCLOSURES NO. 1

General No. 544
Genl No. 220 } 1879—80.

Solicits the Chief Commissioner's instructions as to the definition of the term "Seer" used in Section 19 of the Excise Act X of 1871.

25-11-79

Ref: s of act XXXI of 1871 – the primary standard of weight shall be called a Seer and shall be a weight of metal in the possession of the Govt of India, equal, when weighed in a vacuum to the weight known in France as Kilogramme des Archives Sec: III In measures of capacity, a measure containing one lb of water at its maximum density weighed in a vacuum –

1 a Kilogramme is defined to be
2.2055 lbs avoirdupois =
2.6803 lbs of Troy =

Revenue also see Proceedings no 6380 of 19th Aug 1874. dated 27 a. 57

General No 5441 } 1879-80
Ft. " 220 }
Enc: 1

Nagar Division
Commissioner's Office
Shimoga 25th November 1879
Despt 26th do —

To

The Secretary to the
Chief Commissioner of Mysore
Revenue Department

Sir,

The provisions of the Excise Act X of 1871 having been extended to Mysore from 1st October 1879 under Government of India Notification No. 251 dated 12th September 1879, I have the honor at the request of the Deputy Commissioner Nadur District, to solicit the Chief Commissioner's instructions as to the definition of the term "Seer" used in Section 19 of that Act in determining the maximum quantity of arrack, toddy &c to be sold at one time by licensed retail

Members -

2. As remarked by the Deputy Commissioner, it is probable that the "Seer" contemplated in the Act, is regulated by the "Indian Weights and Measures of Capacity Act 1871", wherein by Section 3 thereof the Seer is equivalent to the "Kilogram" weighing 2 lb 3 oz and 2½ drachms or 8 8 tolas nearly.

3. The Indian Weights and Measures Act has not however been applied to this Province, and the Measure of Capacity therein laid down, being a fixed one with reference to a variety of articles which are now weighed by different Standards, is obviously one that cannot be introduced into the Province.

4. According to existing Rules

and -

and practice, the maximum quantity to be sold by retail is in the case of arrack, 2 drams (1 dram being equivalent to a weight of 6 Rupees) and in the case of Toddy, 3 seers, the seer measure in this instance being what is known as the "pakka seer" of 84 Rs. weight (Vide the Bombay rules contained in circular order dated 11th April 1860 from Superintendent of the late Nagar Division to Amildars of Talukas).

5. If, owing to the introduction of the Excise Act of 1871, it is necessary, as I presume it to be, to define the meaning of the term "seer" in connection with Section 19, I would suggest that the "Kacha seer" now in use as a standard liquid measure for oil, ghee &c, should be adopted. This

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is a measure the capacity of which is fixed at 24 Rupees. It is moreover familiar to the people. One seer of this measure would however be equal to 3 drams of arrack (of 8 Rupees each) and to this extent the maximum quantity now allowed to be sold in retail would be exceeded.

6. In regard to Toddy, the present maximum allowance of 3 seers might without objection be reduced to one "pakka" seer of 84 Tolas weight; the capacity of this measure being more than 3 times that of the "Kacha seer" of 24 Tolas weight.

7. A copy of the Deputy Commissioner's letter No. 544 dated

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No 544.

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Ch Commr's office
Chickmagalur, 6th October 1877.

To The Commr Nagar Dn

Sir,

With reference to the Notification of the Govt of India No 2511. dated the 12th ultimo extending the provisions of the Excise Act (X of 1871) into Mysore from the 1st Instant, I have the honor to report that the separate Rules which have to be framed under the several Sections of the Act not having been received as yet the Rules hitherto in force in this District regarding such matters are continued in force pending the receipt of further orders —

2. With reference to Section 19 of the Act I have the honor to request you will be so good as to let me know whether by the term "Ser" is meant a measure of capacity containing a "Ser" of water weighing 24 Tolas which is the ordinary Bazaar Ser, or one weighing 80 Tolas as provided for in the Proceedings of the Chief Commr No 6380/2:57, dated 19th February 74 or a Ser as defined in Sections 2 and 3 of Act XXXI of 1871 —

3. As the "Excise act of 1871" was one passed the same year as the "The Indian Weights and Measures of Capacity Act 1871", the term "Ser" used in the former

former, evidently means the measure of capacity provided for in Section 3 of the latter Act, but when applied to Imphal the same cannot be said and there is no means of ascertaining the legal measure of capacity based on the French Kilo=gramme des archives -

4 - I have the honor to add that under the Sanction conveyed in the enclosure of your Portly circular Docket No 202 of the 18th August last the indulgence of the issue of a quart bottle of arrack (Country liquor) at a time to respectable persons who do not like to consume it in the shop was introduced into this District and being issued in bottles corked and sealed at the Distillery to prevent adulteration the system has hitherto worked well -

I have &c

Sd/ J. Lacey
Dy Commr Kadar Distt -

True Copy

Henry M Clerk
Commr Cachar &c

Cmdr

1874.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

REVENUE.

To

THE OFFG. COMMISSIONERS OF DIVISIONS.
THE DISTRICT AND TREASURY OFFICERS.
AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF COORG.

Dated February 19th.

Despatched

Received

No. 6380.
R. 57.

Prices current of food grains to be shewn in terms of the 80 tola seer.—Forwarding for information copy of Government of India letter on the subject.

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Department of Agriculture, Revenue and Commerce, 19th February 1874.

From the Secretary to the Govt. of India, To the Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg, No. 1—21, Dept. of Agriculture, Rev. and Com., Statistics, dated Calcutta, the 10th February 1874.

With reference to the orders noted on the margin, I am directed to state that it is the desire of His Excellency the Governor General in Council that, in the general statement of prices-current of food-grains for all India published every fortnight in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*, the prices of the articles sold per rupee should be shewn in the terms of the old Government seer of 80 tolas, and not in those of the seer as defined in Act XXXI of 1871. I am accordingly to request that you will be good enough to issue the necessary orders for the submission, in future, of such fortnightly returns for Mysore and Coorg as will exhibit the prices in terms of the seer of 80 tolas.

Resolution Nos. 1 / 14 to 23, dated 18th January 1872.
„ Nos. 13 / 346-356, „ 28th August 1872.
Circular Nos. 6 / 295-305, „ 19th July 1873.
„ Nos. 7 / 322-331. „ 25th August 1873.

No. 6380—Rev. 57, dated Bangalore, 19th February 1874.

Order thereon.—Ordered, that a copy of the above be forwarded to the Commissioners of Divisions for information. In order to save time, a copy will also be forwarded direct from this Office to the several District Officers concerned for careful attention in the preparation of future price-current returns.

H. W. WELLESLEY,
Offg. Secretary,

To—The Commissioners of Divisions.
„ The District and Treasury Officers, &,
the Superintendent of Coorg.

Rep. of the Chief Conservator
in the Ctr. Dept.

Section 82
File No S-1879
Serial No 9

Read:—

Letter No 544/220 of the 25th November 1879 from the Commissioner, Nagpur division.

No. 5105-13 of 6 January 1880 } Order thereon.
P. 871

The provisions of Section 19 of the Excise Act X of 1871 appear to have been copied from Section XXXV of Act XXI of 1856, and both the acts being of a prior date to Act XXXI of 1871 are not governed by the definition of a Sér in the last mentioned act. The Sér referred to in the Excise Acts, whether of capacity or weight, is the Bengal Ser of 80 Tolas, and it cannot be altered as proposed in para 5 of

the former's latter into any other tier except by legislative authority. Practically, however, the quantities to be sold will be regulated by the terms of the licenses issued under the orders of the Local Government as provided in Section 33, which terms will be valid so long as they do not exceed the limits laid down in Section 19, and any breach of the conditions of the license is punishable under Section 57.

2. With reference to Sections 6, 8, 9, 33 & 40 of ~~the~~ Act X of 1871, a notification will be issued declaring the existing rules on the several matters therein referred

Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner c
(Revenue),—dated 6

re in the Revenue Department,
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READ—

Letter No. 544—220 of the 25th November

om the Commissioner, Nagar Division.

No. 5105-13—REV. 871, DATED

LORE, 6TH JANUARY 1880.

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C. RANGACHARLU,
Revenue Secretary.

To—The Commissioner, Nagar Division.
„ Deputy Commissioners of Districts for i

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

REVENUE.

To

THE COMMISSIONER, NAGAR DIVISION.
, DY. COMMRS. OF DISTRICTS.

ated 6th January.
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No. 5105-13.
Rev. 871.

Commenting on the definition of the term "Sér" used in Section 19 of the Excise Act X of 1871.

Mysore Govt. Press, Bangalore.—9-1-80.—50.

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(General Serial No. 317)

Rec'd 15 Sept

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From Messrs Dawn Maddappa & Co
Todd Contractors.

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Dated 22nd June 1880

Despatched

Received 24

Enclosures No.

General No. 30

No.

Soliciting to be permission to use the measures which have hitherto been in use in measuring Toddy & requesting to be exempted from being obliged to seal them.

In duplicate.

The Proceedings of the Board No 5705-13 dated 6th [illegible]

[illegible] do not make it imperative [illegible] the existing Measures shall be revised to conform with the Standard [illegible] No weights hereafter [illegible] Measures may receive [illegible] Board the existing of the present [illegible]

It will be necessary to make it known on the Contractors to use the measures which can be verified [illegible]

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No. 30 From.

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Messrs. Dany Iwoodiappa & Co.
Government Ab'kary Contractors
Kundidroog Dec.

To

The Revenue Secretary
Bangalore.

Sir.

Having received Yadasht. No. 148 of the 3rd. instant from the Bangalore Deputy Commissioner, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, we beg to have the honor to state that the real and practical difference between the Seer measure which has been in use from time immemorial, almost with the Toddy Contractors of this District, and that which should be used in compliance with the Excise Act quoted in the mentioned Yadasht, is one dram.- That is to say our present measure contained 12 Drams, and that required under the Act, 13 Drams.- This difference although trifling in a single seer yet amounts to a very heavy item when our daily expenditure in the Cantonment amounts to perhaps 1500 or 2,000 seers, and means so much dead loss to us. And as regards the sealing of all the measures in the presence of the Sirdareen, who will exact a fee for each stamp, this would practically be a heavy

tax

tax on us, as the measures being made of clay have to be daily renewed in large numbers.

Having carefully considered these points, we trust you will be pleased to permit us to use the measures which have hitherto been in use, and exempt us from being obliged to seal them in the presence of an Officer to whom a fee has to be paid, during the term of our present Contract as the change would entail an extra hardship upon which we are ill able to bear.

We have the honor to be

Sirs

Your most obdt. servts.

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22nd June 1880

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Re Dy Comr. Bangalore Dte.
" Dy Comrs of other Districts.

Dated 7th July
Despatched
Received

Enclosures No. 2 { 1 Copy of letter with its enclosure from Dy. C. Bangalore

General No. 2006-13
Rev No. 374

Calls for a description of the measures used for the sale of toddy and arrack and the arrangements in existence for securing accuracy in regard to it.

Read:-

Letter No. 30 of the 22d. June 1880 from Messrs Davy, Moodaliyar & Co, Toddy Contractors of the Kandykoray Division

No. 2006-13 of 7th July 1880. / R. 374

Order thereon.

In forwarding a x with its enclosure the above copy of the Comm^r. of Bangalore is requested to report whether any particular Kind of Seer containing only 12 Drams has hitherto been recognized in regard to Toddy sales, and how the Seer measuring 80 Tolas weight of water is supposed to be equal to 13 Drams. If the dram were taken as equal to a weight of 8 Rupees, there will be only 10 Drams in such Seer. 2. The Dy Comm^r. should also state what arrangements should be made to secure the correctness of the Seers used, having regard to the fact that earthen pots are

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ordinarily used in the sale of Toddy, and that they cannot be stamped, and that as they are liable to break frequently, the levy of any fee for testing and stamping them might be attended with hardship to the Contractors as stated by them. The orders issued by the Dy Comr should be held in abeyance pending the disposal of the question.

Draft C.

3. The Dy. Comrs of the other Districts are requested to report the description of the measures used in the sale of Toddy and Arrack in their Districts, their capacity and the arrangements in existence for securing accuracy in regard to them.

Revised

To the Dy. Comr. of Bangalore Distt
" The Dy Comrs of other Districts

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General, (Serial No. 29.) Rev 2 S 4

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From The Hydrabad Commissioner
Bangalore 6th

Section S.R.
File No S-1879
Serial No 6

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
Revenue ~~General~~ Department.

Dated 6th August
Despatched
Received 7th "

Enclosures No.

~~General~~ No. 295 } 1880—81.
No. 295

R Reports with suggestions on the scheme for measuring Toddy

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Do seen with papers

To consult accordingly
Mr. Rice
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No. 295.

Bangalore District
Dy. Commissioner's Office
6th August 1880.

To

The Secretary to the
Chief Commissioner
of Mysore
Revenue Dept.

Sir,

In reply to the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 2006-13 R 374 of the 7th ultimo, relative to the complaint of the Toddy Contractors in connection with the Toddy Seer, I have the honor to report that the Seer hitherto used by them and other tradesmen generally was one of 80 tolas of grain. When the Seer of 84 tolas was adopted under the Chief Commissioner's orders, the Police prosecuted the toddy shopkeepers

for using an unauthorized measure; but on a Reference to the District Office, Captain Dalby in accordance with the orders issued by the Chief Commissioner in Proceedings No. 5105-13 R 871 of 6th January 1880, directed that the existing seer of 80 Tolas be that which should be used in future. This seer, on measure, was found to be 12 Drams, or one Imperial Quart, and in conformity with the Imperial Quart measure mentioned in Section IV of the Toddy Licence, one of these seers was taken from the Reuters' Agents here and retained as standard by the 2nd Magistrate, Town and Cantonment, to test and pass all others prescribed by them.

2. Under these circumstances, it will be seen that the Toddy Contractors have petitioned under a misapprehension of the state of affairs, and without due enquiry

into the facts of the case.

3- It may be observed that the new seer of 84 tolas is about 13 Drams.

4- The Toddy seer used is a bamboo tube with one ring for base, and the other being cut off, forms the orifice. The rim of the seer is secured from cracking or bursting, by an iron band in which the seal is now impressed. These are easily procurable in this District. Chatties and pots are used for drinking out of. The correctness of the seer generally could be secured by following the plan now adopted, as herein set forth, without any hardship to those concerned, while the prescribed fee being realized only on one permanent seer per shop instead of on the fragile measures adverted to by the Toddy Contractors, there can be no just grounds for

complaint on this score -

5- The orders issued are kept in abeyance pending removal of the temporary restriction imposed in para 2 of the Proceedings under reply -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obdt. Servant

S Ricketts

Dy. Commissioner

True Copy

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From Neighbors Dairy Queen Coffee

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Enclosure to letter

No. 30 of 22 re 1880.

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c/o for Shrimpton, Kadri & Co's
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General, (Serial No. 29.)

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From The Deputy Commissioner
Chittaldroog District

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
Revenue ~~General~~ Department.

Dated 31st August 1880.

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Enclosures No. One

General No. 303 / No. } 1880—81.

As called for in Proceedings
No: 2006-13/374 of the 7th Instant
has the honor to submit a
statement shewing the
description of the measures
used in the sale of Toddy
and Arrack, their capacity,
and the arrangements in
existence throughout the
District, and to state that
with regard to Arrack
measures accuracy exists
and is checked. But for
Toddy to ensure the same
accuracy

accuracy and check it will be necessary to make the measures of bamboos or wood which can be stamped and to which no class of drinkers will object.

Yours obedt
Deputy Commissioner
Chittagong Divn.

Statement shewing the description of ... Arrack in the Ta...

Talooks.	Toddy Seer.			As...
	Whether of metal or otherwise	Number of drams in a seer.	Number of Tolas in a seer.	Of w... Mea...
Chitaldroog	Earthen pot	13½	116	Copy
Davengere	Bamboo measure of ½ seer.	12	96	Ditto
Kanakuppa	Earthen pot	10	80	"
Doderi	Ditto	"	102½ - 112½. 88 - 128 - 96 - 120 and 124.	Copy
Kiriyur	Ditto	13	104	Ditto
Budihal	Ditto	14	112	"
Hosdurga	Ditto	The capacity of the seer used is Equal to the brass seer prescribed for measuring grain.		Copy
Pavagada	Ditto	13	104	Ditto

Chitaldroog Distt:
Deputy Comrs: Office
Chitaldroog 31st August 98.

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the measures used in the sale of Toddy and
books of the Chitaldroog District.

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8	No arrangements seems to be in existence to secure accuracy in the measures used for selling Toddy. The Collectors Supervision, during his tour of inspection does not check the correctness of the measures only.
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H Rumbold Esq B.B.
Deputy Commissioner

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General, (Serial No. 29.)

1880

From Deputy Commissioner
Timaru District.

Section 82
File No S-1879
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To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
Revenue ~~General~~ Department.

Dated 11 September 1880.

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Enclosures No. 1

General No. } 1880—81.
No. 2014

Chief Commissioners Pro: No
2006-13 374 77. Ultimo.

Report to the description &c of the measures used ~~in the sale~~ of Arrack and Toddy in this District.

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MYSORE COMMISSION

Tumkúr District
Deputy Commissioner's Office
Tumkúr, 11th September 1880

To,

The Secretary to the
Chief Commissioner of Mysore
Revenue Department

Sir,

Adverting to para 3 of the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No: 2006 - 13/374 dated 7th Ultimo requesting to report the description of the measures used in the sale of Arrack and toddy, I have the honor to state in reply that copper full drams, half drams and quarter drams are used in selling Arrack; and except in Tumkúr earthen pots equivalent to the Seer, half Seer and quarter Seer are used in selling Toddy. In Tumkúr the bamboo Seer is used. A Statement shewing the Capacity of these measures used in the several Talúks of this District is herewith submitted from which it will be seen that

that the capacity varies.

2. The Copper drams are reported to have been issued by the Contractors and in some cases to bear the inscription — "Mysore G." and also number. The measures used by Toddy Sellers do not generally bear any stamp and are supplied by the Vendors themselves.

3. The Distillery Tester examines the Copper drams whenever he visits the Shops.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

C. Sivasubbarayan

Offg. Deputy Commissioner

K.B.C.

Statement shewing the description and Capacity of the measures used in the Sale of Toddy and Arrack in the Tumkúr District.

No.	Taluks	Arrack.						Toddy.					
		Full Dram		½ Dram		¼ Dram		Seer.		½ Seer		¼ Seer	
		Rs:	As:	Rs:	As:	Rs:	As:	Rs:	As:	Rs:	As:	Rs:	As:
1	Tumkúr	8	4	4	2	2	1	107	"	53	8	"	
2	Koratigerê	"		"		"		109	"	"		"	
3	Maddagiri	"		"		"		104	"	"		"	
4	Chikkanayakanahalli	8	"	4	"	2	"	96	"	48	8	"	
5	Sira	8	2	4	"	2	"	100	"	49	8	"	
6	Kunigal	8	4	4	2	2	1	104	8	"		"	
7	Kadaba	8	"	4	"	2	"	104	"	52	"	"	
8	Honnavalli	8	4	4	2	2	1	104	"	52	"	"	

Tumkúr
11th September 1880

C. Sundaramayya
Offg. Deputy Commissioner
Tumkúr District

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Secretary

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Records with Revenue Secy.

Section 812
File No 5-18-
Serial No 60

(General Serial No. 29.)

1880

From The Dy Comr, Kadur Dt.

To

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Rev. Department.

Dated 14th
Despatched 4 September.
Received
Enclosures No.

General No. 300 / No. } 1880—81.

Sir,

With reference to para 3 of the Chief Comr's proceedings No 2006-13/374 of the 7th July last, I have the honor to submit the following report:—

Arrack is sold throughout in tin or tinned brass and copper measures which are said to be equal to the dram and its aliquot parts, the dram being 8 Rupees in weight, and 8 drams making a bottle. But the measures do not contain any mark of their having been tested by the Govt. Officials at any time.

Hon, so far as my present information goes, does it appear that such testing has ever formally taken place. It is said generally that the Supervisors and the Police see that no fraud is practised by the Vendors, but I need hardly point out what the real value of these general and vague assertions should be worth.

3. As regards toddy, I find that even this theoretical uniformity is absent. Hollow dry gourds, earthen vessels, and iron vessels are used, just as the vendor chooses and the buyer accepts. It is reported that the quantity to be had for the same price varies from 30 to 50 Rs and more in weight, at different times and places.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obd. Servant,

L. [illegible]
Dy. Commissioner,
Kudum Dt.

neral, (Serial No. 29.)

1880.

rom The Dy: Commissioner
Mysore District

tary to Chief Commissioner,
Revenue ~~General~~ Department.

ated 22nd September

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Enclosures No.

eneral No. 273 / No. } 188 —8 .

Reporting on the measures
used in the retail vend of
toddy &c

24.9.80
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Section 8L
File No S-1879
Serial No 11

Mysore Dy: Commissioner's Office

Dated 22d September 1880.

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To,

The Secretary to the Chief Commr.
& Mysore, Revenue Dept.

Sir,

In reply to para 3 of the Chief Comrs
Proceedings No. 2 6-13/74 dated 7th July last,
I have the honor to state that the measures
used in the retail vend of Toddy are earthen
pots of seer and ½ seer capacity which are
tested and marked with the seal of
the Contractor.

2. The vessels used in the Government Distillery at Pallalli are in accord with the standard Gallon measure obtained from the Superintendent of Public Works Workshop at Madras.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant,

Dy Commissioner

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From The Deputy Commissioner, Thirty Districts.

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Revenue General Department.

Section 82
File No 5-1879
Serial No 12

Dated the 23rd September 1887

Despatched 24th

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. } 187 —7
No. 367

Submitting report on the descriptions of measures used in the sale of Ghee and Jaggery.

27.9.87
Mackay

Paterson

No. 307

Deputy Commissioner's Office
Shimoga District.
Shimoga, 23rd September 1880.

To.

The Secretary to the Hr: Commissioner
Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to para 3 of the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings dtd. 2006-13/374 dated 7th July last, I have the honor to state that from the reports received from the Amildars it appears that earthen pots of different capacities are generally used in this District in selling toddy, but no particular kind of Seer is in use, except in the Shimoga kasba, where bottles containing 66 Tolas weight of liquid are used and 1½ such bottles are reckoned equal to a Seer, which is thus a weight of 99 Tolas.

2. From the above it will be seen that there is no standard measure for the retail vend of toddy in this District and I think one should be supplied at once. The Contractor should in my opinion be required to keep metalic measures of standard capacity, either of brass, tin or iron in use in all the retail shops of toddy. These measures should also be stamped by the Amildar for which he should be supplied

with a steel die.

3. For the purpose of selling arrack in retail, stamped copper or tin tumblers of various sizes are used in Shimoga, Chanagiri, Honnâli and Shikaripur, and unstamped ones in Sorab, Sagar and Nagar Taluks. They measure a dram, half a dram, and quarter of a dram or 8.4 and 2 Tolas of arrack or 8/2, 4/4, 2/8 of water respectively. The stamp is of iron with the words. S.M.B embossed on it as shewn in the margin, and it is impressed on the tumblers by beating it on them with a hammer. It does not appear, when this stamp was introduced, and the initial letters are supposed to mean either "Shimoga Municipal Board", or "Spirit Measure Bangalore" introduced in conformity with the Madras Government order No. 627 dated 4th July 1850, vide circular orders of the Board of revenue 2nd edition, page 533. I consider that dies with the inscriptions 1D. (dram). $\frac{1}{2}$D, and $\frac{1}{4}$D should be substituted in all the Taluks, and that the use of any unstamped measures should be made penal. I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

W. Nanda Kumaraiya

Deputy Commissioner
Shimoga District.

No. 66.